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The City of Boulder's Community Newsletter

July 4th Sesquicentennial Stroll invites residents to enjoy Boulder's history and culture



To celebrate Boulder's 150th birthday, Boulder residents, families and friends are invited to participate in the Sesquicentennial Stroll on July 4.

Organized by the Boulder 150 Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee, the stroll is a day-long series of events allowing everyone to walk through the city and visit many of Boulder's historic landmarks. Maps will be available for all of the stroll stops.

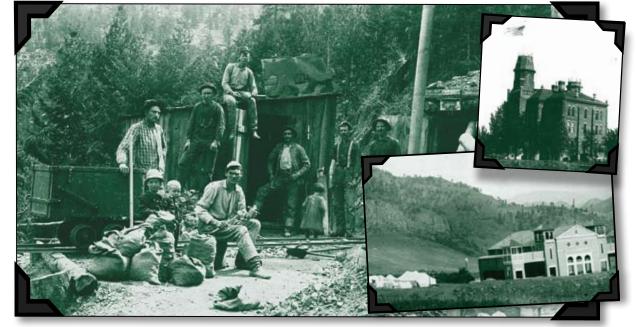
The day kicks off at 11 a.m. with a welcome ceremony in the historic Chautauqua auditorium and ends that evening with the community's traditional July 4th fireworks at Folsom Field.

All events are free of charge, except for food and drink that will be offered at some of the stops along the way. Participants who complete the full stroll route will receive a commemorative award in recognition of the Sesquicentennial.

A full schedule of all Sesquicentennial events, as well as links to stories and interesting facts about Boulder's history are online at www.boulder150.com.

Following the July 4th activities, the next major event for Boulder's Sesquicentennial will be a "Coming Back Home," extending the city's friendship with the Northern Arapaho, Aug. 7-8, on the Pearl Street Mall.

Events will include the Arapaho Sand Creek Bluegrass Band at Noon Tunes, Friday, Aug. 7, followed by Arapaho color guard, drumming, dancing and storytellers on Saturday, Aug. 8.



Carnegie Branch Library for Local History, Boulder Historical Society Collection



Ralphie's Independence Day Blast: Boulder Community Fireworks

Saturday, July 4th - Folsom Field Presented by Associates of Wright Kingdom Real Estate, CU Boulder and the City of Boulder

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SESQUICENTENNIAL STROLL

July 4th Schedule

11 a.m - noon Chautauqua Welcome Ceremony

12:15-1:30 p.m. Colorado Music Festival, Picnic on the Green

1:30–4:30 p.m. Columbia Cemetery, "Meet the Spirits"

1:30–4:30 p.m. Boulder History Museum,

"Happy Birthday Boulder"

1:30–4:30 p.m. CU Heritage Center, "Boulder

& CU Through the Years"

2–5:30 p.m. Concert at Central Park Band Shell

2:30-3:30 p.m. Parenting Place,

4th of July Children's Parade 8-10 p.m. Ralphie's Independence Day

Blast at Folsom Field

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For complete listings of city departments, projects and programs, go to www.bouldercolorado.gov and click on "City A-Z."

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Boards and Commissions

The city's 20 boards and commissions study information and make recommendations to City Council on issues within the board's area of expertise. Recruitment for annual board appointments occurs in January. For more information: www.bouldercolorado.gov, click on "Boards and Commissions."

- Arts Commission
- Beverages Licensing Authority
- Board of Zoning Adjustment
- Boulder Urban Renewal Authority
- Chautaugua Association
- Downtown Design Advisory Board
- Downtown Management Commission
- Environmental Advisory Board
- Housing Authority
- Human Relations Commission
- · Landmarks Board
- Library Commission
- Open Space Board of Trustees
- · Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Transportation Advisory Board
- University Hill Commercial Area Management Commission
- Water Resources Advisory Board
- Youth Opportunities Advisory Board

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1777 Broadway, in Council Chambers (second floor). Meetings are aired live on Channel 8 and re-broadcast Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. Tapes are also available for checkout at the Main Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. In addition, meetings are available online at www.bouldercolorado.gov/channel8. Study sessions are open to the public and are generally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. For more information, please call 303-441-3002.

Important Numbers:

General Info: 303-441-3388

Emergency: 911

Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency): 303-441-3333

Office of Human Rights: 303-441-3141

Community Mediation Program: 303-441-4364

Animal Control: 303-442-4030

Information in Spanish

The city has created a new phone line for information in Spanish: 303-441-1905. People can call this number to request Spanish interpretation at city meetings or events. Please provide 48 hours notice for interpretation services.

Información en Español

La ciudad ha creado una nueva línea telefónica para información en Español: 303.441.1905. Las personas pueden llamar a este número para solicitar interpretación en Español para las juntas o eventos de la ciudad. 48 horas de aviso es requerido para el servicio de interpretación.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Meet nine inspiring local youth

On April 16, nine remarkable local youth were honored by the city of Boulder's Youth Opportunities Program and YOAB (Youth Opportunities Advisory Board) at the annual Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards held at the Spice of Life events center. Community members nominated middle-school or high-school aged youth for awards based on their meaningful local volunteer work. All nominees received a letter of recognition; nine were selected to receive awards at a ceremony attended by City Council Members Angelique Espinoza and Macon Cowles, Deputy Mayor Crystal Gray, School Board Member Laurie Albright, the awardees' families, school principals, and nominators. The keynote speaker was Rachel Fuchs, a Fairview graduate who recently returned from the Peace Corps and works for Intercambio de Comunidades, a local nonprofit organization. The Youth Opportunities Program is part of the city's Department of Housing and Human Services. For more information, contact Alice Swett at 303-441-4349, or swetta@ bouldercolorado.gov.



Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awardees and City Council Members. BACK ROW, L to R: Carlos Daniel Nolasco, Deputy Mayor Crystal Gray, Sara DesGeorges, Katie Pemberton, Council Member Macon Cowles, Maggie McCarthy, Becca Miick, Helen Killeen, Council Member Angelique Espinoza FRONT ROW, L to R (kneeling): Alison Lewis, Torie Salley-Rains, Emilia Volz

The awardees were:

Alison Lewis, 11th grade; Becca Miick 12th grade; Carlos Daniel Nolasco, 12th grade; Emilia Volz, 12th grade; Helen Killeen, 12th grade; Katie Pemberton, 11th grade; Maggie McCarthy, 11th grade; Sara DesGeorges, 12th grade; and Torie Salley-Rains, 12th grade.

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

By City Manager Jane S. Brautigam

The city of Boulder is working to take advantage of the opportunities in the stimulus legislation passed earlier this year; the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Our goal is to create jobs and spur economic growth for the benefit of those living and working in Boulder, in a manner consistent with our community's values. We are looking to advance projects that are not only "shovel-ready" for near-term action, but also "people-ready" and "planet-ready" to help meet our goals for social and environmental sustainability. To date, the city expects to receive ARRA funding in the following areas:

Public Safety: The Police Department will receive \$149,852 through U.S. Department of Justice "Byrne-JAG" formula grants that will be used for an online reporting system for residents, radio upgrades, signals radars, Wi-Fi equipment, and firearms.

Community Development: The city will receive \$250,000 in direct funding through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Human Development (HUD). This is in addition to the annual CDBG funds that the city is awarded from HUD. While HUD has not yet released the rules for the additional dollars, it is

anticipated the funds will continued to be used to fund community nonprofit and for-profit organizations that meet the needs of low and moderate income residents and housing related activities.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: The city will receive \$1,017,800 from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants. Activities eligible for program funds include energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, and transportation related projects.

Transportation: The city will receive a total of \$825,000 allocated through the Denver Regional Council of Governments for pedestrian ramps that meet American with Disabilities Act requirements and for bicycle and pedestrian intersection improvements at Spruce and Folsom.

The city and its partners are also pursuing other competitive grants and Recovery Act-related funding opportunities. For a full list of projects that are currently being considered, please visit www.bouldercolorado.gov/recovery. This page will be updated regularly, so continue to visit it for the latest on city efforts.

CITY BUDGET

Budget Update

As a result of the current economic downturn, the city is facing a shortfall in revenues of at least \$5.4 million in 2009 and at least the same amount in 2010. In order to cover this shortfall in 2009, vacant positions will remain open and reductions will be made in operating expenses. For 2010, the city needs to identify and implement permanent and sustainable budget reductions.

In addition to the current economic challenges, the city faces a structural financial problem as identified by the Blue Ribbon Commission. The cost of doing business is projected to outpace city revenue every year. If left unaddressed, this structural deficit could grow to \$75 million by 2030. The city continues to find ways to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness. These measures alone, however, are unlikely to be sufficient in resolving the shortfall. As a result, the city may have to reduce or eliminate services provided to the community.

In order to help address the short and long-term shortfalls, valuable public feedback on community values and priorities has been sought through an online survey and a series of public workshops. The information obtained from these meetings will:

- Be presented at the July 14 City Council meeting
- Help inform the 2010 recommended budget

Information regarding efforts to stabilize Boulder's budget is available at www.bouldercolorado.gov and click on the 'Budget Information' link. Your input is important! Feedback and suggestions can be submitted on the Budget Stabilization page of the city's Web site. City Council will also hold public hearings regarding the adoption of the 2010 budget.



Boulder's City Council and City Manager volunteer at the Echo House during the 2009 "I Volunteer Day."

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

City launches Zero Waste pilot program at four city facilities

A new Zero Waste pilot program launched in March 2009 at four city facilities will allow city employees and visitors at these locations to reduce their waste that goes to the landfill. While city employees have been recycling for years, the addition of Zero Waste services (composting and single-stream recycling) will allow employees and visitors to take even greater steps toward waste reduction at city facilities.

The Zero Waste pilot program supports the city's Master Plan for Waste Reduction, and is now implemented at:

- Children, Youth and Family Services, 2160 Spruce St.
- Iris Center, 3198 Broadway
- Municipal Building, 1777 Broadway
- Open Space and Mountain Parks, 66 S. Cherryvale Road

The four buildings are equipped with a three-bin system for compost, recyclables and trash, and all bins are marked with educational signage to instruct users on proper disposal of materials. The Municipal Building received two locally crafted Zero Waste wood bins made by a local carpenter. This is a good example of city tax dollars supporting the local sourcing of building materials.

Taking Zero Waste to another level, the pilot program also is experimenting with removing employees' desk side trash cans, leaving only their personal recycling bin. Employees are asked to dispose of their trash and compostables in a 'central area' located in multiple places in their building.

The city plans to expand Zero Waste services to more than 30 city facilities throughout 2009. The goal of this program is to reduce the city's trash and related costs, increase waste diversion, and reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases attributed to solid waste going to the landfill. Questions or comments about the program can be directed to the Office of Environmental Affairs, at 303-441-1957.

OPEN SPACE AND MOUNTAIN PARKS

Hiking Boulder by wheelchair

By Topher Downham, Outreach Coordinator for Open Space and Mountain Parks

Thirteen years ago I broke my neck in a diving accident. Unable to move my legs, my biggest fear was I would no longer be able to enjoy the outdoors. Fortunately, my fear was unfounded. I discovered many trails that rejuvenated my spirits. Excited, I wanted to share the opportunity with others.

Boulder has a diversity of people enjoying nature-bikers, hikers and dog walkers to name a few. For over a decade, the city of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department has worked on providing that same experience to the many people with limited mobility wanting to "smell the flowers." To do this, OSMP created a variety of accessible trails for all abilities. The easier ones have less slope and crosslope, fewer obstacles, and a more firm and stable surface.

One noteworthy trail is the Sensory Trail on Flagstaff Mountain for people with low vision. We designed the Sensory Trail to show people there is much more to the hiking experience than just views and vistas. All of our senses including smell, sound and touch reconnect us with nature. And it's available to just about everyone!

Like every other avid hiker, I have a couple of personal favorites. On a hot summer day, you'll find me rolling along the easy South Boulder Creek Trail starting at the Bobolink trailhead on Baseline Road. This trail meanders along the creek offering many shaded pullouts to daydream by the stream as the water whirls by. On a cool summer evening, I may be on the moderate

Wonderland Lake trail in North Boulder, observing a Great Blue Heron fishing for food as the sun sets.

To find out more about accessible trails and hikes, go to www.osmp.org where a downloadable version of Boulder Area Accessible Trails and Sites is available. The Web site lists free guided hikes including bird watching at White Rocks and wildflower identification at South Mesa. Extra wheelchairs are available for those who want to experience the outdoors in this different way.



Credit: Vijay Viswanthan

WEST VIRUS is a part of the environment in Colorado. The West Nile Virus season is May through September.

Help minimize the spread of West Nile Virus by encouraging and assisting neighbors to reduce mosquito habitat around their homes and in your neighborhood.

- WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.
- Mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnant water, so eliminating standing water reduces mosquitoes.
- Mosquitoes do not lay eggs in flowing water or well-maintained pools and spas.
- 2. WNV is preventable by following the FOUR Ds
- Use insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- DRESS in long sleeves and pants
- Avoid the outdoors from **DUSK** to **DAWN**.
- DRAIN standing water around homes.

City of Boulder • West Nile Virus Hotline, 303-441-4900 • www.bouldercolorado.gov Boulder County Public Health • www.bouldercountymosquito.net • 303-441-1460

- 3. Home maintenance tips:
- Make sure window and door screens are tight-fitting and well-maintained.
- Check for and remove standing water wherever it may collect pool & hot tub covers, wheelbarrows, tarps, lawn ornaments, flower pots, etc.
- Clean gutters regularly.
- Change water in bird baths every 4-5 days.
- Do not overwater your lawn.
- Keep trash cans covered and clean.

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East Boulder Community Park - Phase 2 Development Illustration

PARKS AND RECREATION

Leveraging park development dollars

The Parks and Recreation Department is implementing three innovative approaches to park development in an effort to meet the community's needs during tough economic times.

1) Partnerships:

We are leveraging park development dollars through community partnerships. This allows community groups, passionate about creating new (and desirable) facilities to partner with the city to help raise the funds necessary to develop and maintain the desired asset.

Example: Our public-private partnership with the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance (BMA), a local non-profit organization, that's helping fund development and maintenance of the future bike park at Valmont City Park. To date, BMA volunteers and their active network have raised over \$170,000 in individual donations and corporate sponsorship. This funding will support BMA's goal: the development of a "world class," off-road bike park, providing a diverse learning, training and competition venue for novice to elite cyclists. Ground breaking at the site is slated for this summer.

2) Reduced Development Costs:

We can leverage our limited development resources as we experience reduced material and contractor costs (while supporting local jobs) during this economic downturn.

Example: East Boulder Community Park.

Having recently completed an extensive public input process on the design of Phase 2 park de-

velopment, we're now poised to add two new artificial turffields, a permanent dog park and other amenities to meet the community's needs. Acting now, we estimate savings of up to \$400,000 over original development projections. These savings will go directly into funding additional park amenities. Groundbreaking is anticipated later this year.

3) Operating Efficiency Projects:

Other projects you may see around the community this summer: upgrading ball field and ball court lighting to decrease energy use and reduce "light pollution;" irrigation system renovations to decrease water use and lower operating costs, and other efficiency investments.

Parks and Recreation recognizes the importance of innovation and partnerships, including seeking federal economic recovery dollars, in the implementation of its master plan goals. Supported by a diverse set of funding sources, the department continually seeks partnerships and other resource leveraging opportunities. Because these development funds are dedicated by city charter exclusively for land and facility development, we are committed to maximizing the community benefit of every development dollar we receive.

For more information or suggestions about partnership opportunities, please contact Sarah DeSouza at desouzas@bouldercolorado.gov.

GO BOULDER

Beyond Bike Paths

Beyond Bike Paths is Boulder's new, free, self-guided, online cycling tour that showcases Boulder's over 300 miles of bikeways. Tour options highlight why Boulder was named a "Platinum Level Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists. The tour can be customized for riders of all ages, abilities and interests. You can also use www.GOBikeBoulder.net to map customized turnby-turn directions to get anywhere you want to go in the city by bike.

For more information, visit <u>www.GOBoulder.net</u> or 303-441-3266.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks & Recreation Welcomes New Director, Kirk Kincannon



Kirk Kincannon, the city's new director of Parks and Recreation, has served in a variety of capacities within the Parks and Recreation field since graduating from Virginia Wesleyan College with a Recreation degree. Since 1980 he's worked his

way up the ranks from recreation program coordinator to park manager to deputy director and most recently (for the past five years) to director of recreation, parks and cultural activities for Alexandria, Va.

"I believe in an open door policy and getting out into the field to see what's being done and what's going on," states Kincannon. "I'm looking forward to hearing from both residents and staff about what's going well, what needs attention and what solutions should be considered."

Key assets Kirk brings to Boulder Parks and Recreation:

- Open door policy coupled with 27+ years of experience;
- Sense of humor and ability to maintain perspective; and
- Excitement to be here and serve Boulder.

Kirk Kincannon can be reached at 303-413-7200 or kincannonk@bouldercolorado.gov.



It's Cone Zone Season!

Along with nice weather and longer days, construction projects are often notable during the summer season. Many of these have traffic and travel impacts in the city of Boulder. To help you navigate this beautiful town, the city sends out a weekly cone zone update on its Public Works e-mail listserv and Web site. We have also recently added a Cone Zone Twitter account that will keep you updated on any unexpected traffic impacts. To sign up for the listserv or the Twitter account, go to www.boulderconezones.net.



In early July, the City Council will formally approve a \$10 per year increase in the Climate Action Plan tax for the average residential user, resulting in a \$21 per year total tax (a total that was approved by Boulder's voters in 2006). This increase of less than \$1 per month will help us significantly reduce our local greenhouse gas emissions while helping residents save money through reduced energy use. For more information, go to www.BeClimateSmart.com.

Tell Us What You Think!

Tell us what you think about *Inside Boulder* and be eligible to win a Downtown Boulder gift certificate.

Fill out an online survey at <u>www.bouldercolorado</u>. <u>gov/insideboulder/survey</u>. Deadline to fill out the survey is Friday, July 31.





PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING

Do your part - Keep our sidewalks safe

Make our sidewalks a more walkable place for everyone! Please remove any branches or bushes that overhang or obstruct sidewalks adjacent to your property. Encroachment of the sidewalk by vegetation, overhanging branches, bushes and other foliage may create obstructions that are unsafe as well as unsightly. It is the adjacent property owner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk in a safe, unobstructed condition.

Please be sure overhanging vegetation is trimmed 18 inches back from the sidewalk, and branches are trimmed 8 feet above the sidewalk. Remember — you can drop your debris and clippings off at Western Disposal's Yard Waste Drop-Off Center, 5880 Butte Mill Road.

We encourage you to continue to help keep sidewalks clear, safe and usable for all pedestrians, and we thank you for your cooperation. For more information, call 303-441-3266 or visit www.bouldertransportation.net.

Maintain access to your water meter too!

Water meter pits are usually located in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and street, or 1½ feet from the sidewalk. They're covered by round lids with the words "Water Meter" imprinted on them. Please help your water meter reader and service people by keeping bushes and trees trimmed and away from the lid of the meter pit.

Be water wise EVERY DROP COUNTS boulderwater.net

PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING

Every Drop Counts!

Be water wise. Leaks waste water and money. It is important to watch your water budget and check for leaks in sinks, toilets and lawn

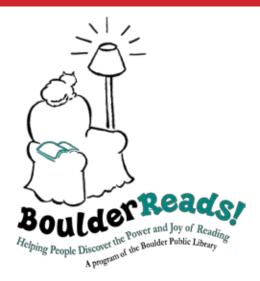
irrigation systems. Unknown leaks or poorly maintained systems, especially irrigation systems, could result in high water bills. Go to www.bouldersaveswater.net for water-wise tips, rebates on turf and other water-wise purchases, and more!

Outdoor watering conservation tips:

 Decrease watering time (or turn off irrigation altogether) based on recent rainfall. Let the condition of the grass and soil, not the number of days since last watering, be your guide

- to lawn irrigation. Two signs that your lawn needs watering: Footprints in the grass that don't spring back quickly and a grey-green, rather than a fresh green, color to the grass.
- Check irrigation clocks and reset your system each week to meet the appropriate watering needs of your lawn.
- You may be applying water faster than the soil can absorb. If you see water running off, change your irrigation system so that you cycle through each zone or area in a shorter amount of time (e.g., run through each zone for 10 minutes, wait an hour, then cycle through all the zones again for 10 minutes each).

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BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY

BoulderReads! marks 11th annual Reading Progress Celebration

On May 1, more than 175 people attended the BoulderReads! 11th annual Reading Progress Celebration at the Main Library. Attendees included students working to improve their reading skills; volunteer tutors that helped them achieve their goals; and family members and other supporters. In 2008, BoulderReads! served 324 people: 260 adults and 64 children (in the Reading Buddies program). "This would not be possible without the service of 271 BoulderReads! volunteers," said Director Diana Sherry. "We are so proud of our students for their hard work and achievements, and so grateful for our wonderful volunteers." www.boulderreads.org



Students read at the Reading Progress Celebration: "I love life once again. There

Celebration: "I love life once again. There are people who have faith in me and my writing, something I have never experienced before." Linda

"I am from Bosnia. Ten years ago I came to America to escape the war. I thought I had left all hard times behind me, but because I didn't speak any English, my life was very hard. I had to depend on somebody to speak and read for me all the time. I was very unhappy and I had decided to go back to Bosnia. Then I found BoulderReads! I've been with BoulderReads! almost three years. I learned to read and now I can do everything for myself and my family. I can help my sons with homework. I am able to help my parents with doctor appointments. I can read labels, fill out forms and order prescriptions. Now, reading is fun for me. I am working to get a G.E.D. I want to spend the rest of my life in the U.S.A. and thank you BoulderReads! for changing my life." Sadija

Top Ten affordable things to do in Boulder



Summer Concerts in the Parks: For a list of concert times visit www.BoulderParks-Rec.org or call 303-413-7200

Hike Sanitas, Bear Peak or the Bobolink Trail: For more

information, visit www.osmp.org or call 303-441-3440.

Meadows Music hikes for kids: For more information visit <u>www.osmp.org</u> or call 303-441-3440.

Library films and concerts: For a list of films and performers visit www.boulderlibrary.org or call 303-441-3100.

Library job search assistance: Visit <u>www.research.</u> <u>boulderlibrary.org/jobs-careers</u> or call 303-441-3100.

Customize a bike ride, or ride any of Boulder's over 300 miles of bikeways. For more information www.GOBoulder.net or www.GOBikeBoulder.net.

Take the HOP 2 Chautauqua for free to Chautauqua on summer concert nights. For a schedule of concerts visit www.Chautauqua.com.

Free parking days – Visit the Pearl Street Mall and park for free on Sundays and city holidays: For more information visit www.boulderparking.com or call 303-413-7300.

Ballroom Dancing at the East Boulder Senior Center: For more information, call 303-494-9167.

Volunteer opportunities: Adopt-a-Park, Adopt-a-Median, wildlife monitoring and more: For a complete list of volunteer opportunities visit<u>www.bouldercolorado.gov.</u>

BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Boulder Public Library offers more "Books in a Bag" for groups

If you belong to a book discussion group, this is great news for you! Boulder Public Library (BPL) has added 10 new titles to the Books in a Bag program, which are kits developed especially for book groups. Books in a Bag now offers 20 different paperback book titles for your book discussion group, for free. Each bag contains 10 paperback copies of the title, a binder with discussion questions, reviews, an author profile and other related information.

The titles available in BPL's Books in a Bag program are listed below. (*New)

- The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao (Junot Diaz)*
- Eat, Pray, Love (Elizabeth Gilbert)
- Glass Castle, The (Jeannette Walls)*
- Great Gatsby, The (F. Scott Fitzgerald)
- History of Love (Nicole Krauss)
- Inheritance of Loss, The (Kiran Desai)
- Invisible Wall: a Love Story that Broke Barriers, The (Harry Bernstein)*
- Jane Eyre (Charlotte Bronte)*
- Loving Frank (Nancy Horan)*
- Memory Keeper's Daughter, The (Kim Edwards)
- Memory of Running, The (Ron McLarty)
- My Antonia (Willa Cather)
- Out Stealing Horses (Per Petterson)*
- Rocket Boys (Homer Hickam Jr.)
- The Road (Cormac McCarthy)
- Thousand Splendid Suns (Khaled Hosseini)*
- Three Cups of Tea (Greg Mortenson)*
- Work of Wolves (Kent Meyers)*
- Water for Elephants (Sara Gruen)*
- Year of Wonders (Geraldine Brooks)

Each bag is checked out for six weeks, allowing ample time for all members to read the books.

For more information, stop by the Fiction and Media desk on the first floor of the Main Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave., or call 303-441-4108. Bags can also be picked up and returned to the Fiction and Media desk. Library Web site: www.boulderlibrary.org.

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

Housing and Human Services supports

a healthy community

Boulder takes pride in the depth and breadth of services available to assist residents in their daily lives, foster opportunities for personal growth, decrease dependencies and increase self-reliance. The city's Department of Housing and Human Services (HHS) plays a key role in the creation and operation of vital community agencies that provide safety net services for those most vulnerable and the support tools necessary to assist people to be self-sufficient, contributing members of a healthy community.

The HHS Housing Division makes grants each year to help nonprofit agencies develop and maintain affordable housing and their administrative facilities. The city combines approximately \$1.5 million in annual federal funding with \$3 million in locally-raised funds to support affordable housing organizations and options for residents. Programs supported with these funds range from emergency shelter facilities to down payment assistance for homebuyers.

The HHS Community Services Division provides over \$2.6 million annually through the Human Services Fund (HSF) to agencies serving Boulder residents. This funding supports nonprofit operations for basic services provided through such agencies as Clinica Campesina (the People's Clinic), the Mental Health Center Serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties, the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Dental Aid, the Emergency Family Assistance Association, Community Food Share and Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Non-violence. Additionally, support for prevention and early intervention programs from infancy through academic assistance in the high school years help Boulder residents



Credit: Clinica Campesina

raise healthy, successful children for adulthood.

The Children, Youth and Families Division provides \$175,000 annually in grants through the Youth Opportunities Fund, to nonprofit and service organizations for cultural, recreational and educational opportunities for Boulder youth, in exchange for community service. City funding to the community promotes opportunities for youth leadership, civic participation, healthy behavior, safety and youth well-being. The Youth Opportunities Advisory Board, comprised of Boulder high school students, oversees the fund and makes recommendations for grant awards.

By making these significant local commitments, HHS contributes to a shared vision of caring and building a healthy community through enhancing a comprehensive and collaborative housing and human services network. For more information, contact the Department of Housing and Human Services at 303-441-3140.

Parking Services Page:

www.twitter.com/boulderparking;

Boulder Cone Zones Page:

www.twitter.com/boulderconezone;

Boulder Public Library page:

www.twitter.com/boulderlibrary;

Boulder Police page:

www.twitter.com/boulderpolice;

Open Space and Mountain Parks page:

www.twitter.com/boulderosmp; and **Parks and Recreation page:**

www.twitter.com/boulderparksrec.

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

Boulder County Help Web site to provide new online service directory for community resources, services and programs

Boulder County has launched an exciting new Web site, www.bouldercountyhelp.org, to provide online resources for locating a wide variety of community services, resources and programs that is available to all city of Boulder residents. The online resource has four modules: Seniors and People with Disabilities; Children, Youth and Families; Behavioral Health and Wellness; and the Resource Book.

The Web site enables Boulder residents to locate local services and resources with a robust search engine and database. It also provides assistance in locating assistive devices, reference articles, current legislative action, low cost insurance, childcare services, housing, health and long-term care, transportation, financial assistance and links to many other resource sites. The Seniors and People with Disabilities page, also known as Network of Care, is sponsored by CONNECT!, the countywide information and assistance network, that includes the city of Boulder's Division of Senior Services and it's peers at the county and municipal levels. If you are looking for child care assistance or mental health services for your teen, simply choose the Children, Youth and Families or Behavioral Health and Wellness module. You can even create your own folder to save your personal information, such as important medical information and contacts, and share with it caregivers. The site is easily converted in several different languages and into text only for screen reading devices.

To locate city of Boulder resources visit <u>www.bouldercountyhelp.org</u> and select the module you wish to access. For more information, call 303-441-1617 or TTY: 303-441-3986.

